GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1881
ANSWERED ON:09.03.2016
Katpadi Junction
Senguttuvan Shri Balasubramaniam

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Katpadi junction railway station is one of the highest revenue-yielding stations in the Southern Railway's Madras division;

(b) whether the Southern Railway has spent any portion of the revenue it earned from the railway users in enhancing the passenger amenities in this crucial railway junction in the past three years and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is not a fact that major parts of the platforms have no roof at all exposing the railway users to the tender mercies of the weather and if so, the details thereof and the request therefor; and

(d) the proactive measures taken to improve the passenger amenities in Katpadi railway station and timeframe within which they would be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)
(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.
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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1881 BY SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.03.2016 REGDING KATPADI JUNCTION

(a): Yes, Madam. Katpadi is an A category station with an annual earnings of `69.5 crore in 2014-15.

(b): Southern Railway has spent `2.61 crore in the past three years on four major works relating to washable apron, information centre, extending platform shelter and improving water arrangement at Katpadi Junction.

(c): As per minimum essential amenity norms, a total of 1200 sqmts. of platform shelter has to be provided at Katpadi Junction. As per recommended norms, 2291 sqmts. have to be covered. However in actual , an area of 3673 sqmts has already been covered. However, additional shelter will be considered in future subject to increase in passenger traffic or as per availability of funds.

(d): Katpadi Station was identified to be developed as Model Station in 2000-01 and all the related works under this scheme has been completed. The station was subsequently identified to be developed as Modern Station in 2006-07 and all the related works under this scheme have been completed thereafter.

The works related to improving Passenger Amenities in Katpadi Railway Station which are under progress and the time frame within which these are likely to be completed are as under:

â€¢ Washable CC Apron in Road No. 1 is under progress −Target Date of Completion-31.12.2016.

â€¢ Toilets, Water taps and Ramps for physically challenged persons- Target Date for Completion-31.12.2016.

â€¢ Extension of platform No. 1 to accommodate 26 coaches is under progress- Target Date of Completion 31.12.2016.

Apart from the above, following works have also been proposed under List of Approved Works:

â€¢ Platform shelter sheet changing from asbestos to Galvalume sheets for Katpadi.

â€¢ Extra platform shelters for 360 sqm.
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